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Letter dated 29 December 2000 from the Chairman of the Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution 1298 (2000) concerning the situation between Eritrea and Ethiopia addressed to the President of the Security Council

I have the honour to transmit herewith the report of the Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution 1298 (2000) concerning the situation between Eritrea and Ethiopia, containing an account of the Committee's activities since its establishment in May 2000 until 31 December 2000 (see annex). The report, which was adopted by the Committee on 29 December 2000, is being submitted in accordance with the note by the President of the Security Council of 29 March 1995 (S/1995/234).

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resolution 1298 (2000) concerning the situation
between Eritrea and Ethiopia

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Annex

Report of the Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution 1298 (2000) concerning the situation between Eritrea and Ethiopia

I. Introduction

1. On 17 May 2000, the Security Council adopted resolution 1298 (2000), by which the Council, inter alia, decided that all States shall prevent the sale or supply to Eritrea and Ethiopia of arms and related materiel of all types and the provision to Eritrea and Ethiopia of technical assistance or training related to the prohibited items.

2. By paragraph 8 of resolution 1298 (2000), the Security Council decided to establish, in accordance with rule 28 of its provisional rules of procedure, a Committee of the Security Council consisting of all the members of the Council, to undertake the following tasks and to report on its work to the Council with its observations and recommendations:

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"(a) To seek from all States further information regarding the action taken by them with a view to implementing effectively the measures imposed by paragraph 6 above, and thereafter to request from them whatever further information it may consider necessary;

"(b) To consider information brought to its attention by States concerning violations of the measures imposed by paragraph 6 above and to recommend appropriate measures in response thereto;

"(c) To make periodic reports to the Security Council on information submitted to it regarding alleged violations of the measures imposed by paragraph 6 above, identifying where possible persons or entities, including vessels and aircraft, reported to be engaged in such violations;

"(d) To promulgate such guidelines as may be necessary to facilitate the implementation of the measures imposed by paragraph 6 above;

"(e) To give consideration to, and decide upon, requests for the exceptions set out in paragraph 7 above;

"(f) To examine the reports submitted pursuant to paragraphs 11 and 12 below".

3. With reference to paragraph 4 (b) of the note by the President of the Security Council dated 30 October 1998 (S/1998/1016), and following consultations among the members of the Security Council, the members on 13 July 2000 agreed to elect the bureau to consist of H.E. Mr. Hasmy Agam (Malaysia) as Chairman, and Argentina and Tunisia as Vice-Chairmen of the Committee for a period running until 31 December 2000.

4. The Committee adopted the present report on 29 December 2000. The purpose of the report is to present a factual summary of the Committee's activities since its establishment in May 2000 until 31 December 2000, in accordance with the

transparency measures outlined by the President of the Security Council in his note of 29 March 1995 (S/1995/234). During this period the Committee held three informal consultations of the members of the Committee, at the expert level.

II. Summary of the Committee's activities during the reporting period

5. By paragraph 11 of resolution 1298 (2000), all States were requested to report in detail to the Secretary-General within 30 days of the date of adoption of the resolution on the specific steps they had taken to give effect to the measures imposed by paragraph 6 of the resolution. In this connection, the Secretary-General sent to all States a note verbale (SCA/2/00(7)) dated 1 June 2000. On 29 December 2000, the Chairman issued a report on the measures taken by States in implementation of paragraph 6 of resolution 1298 (2000) (S/2001/39).

6. Currently, the Committee is in the process of finalizing the guidelines for the conduct of its work.

III. Observations and recommendations

7. The Committee does not have any specific monitoring mechanism to ensure the effective implementation of the arms embargo and relies solely on the cooperation of States and organizations in a position to provide pertinent information.